



Park Mourns Loss of Volunteer Joe Shafran

President's Park is sad to report that long time volunteer, Joe Shafran, passed away on Friday, September 12, 2008. He was 81 years old. Joe was a volunteer with President's Park for almost 25 years.

Joe was deeply committed to serving visitors at President's Park. He found so many ways to do this whether it was staffing the park's information kiosk, greeting visitors waiting in line to tour the White House, assisting with special events such as the Lighting of the National Christmas Tree, White House Garden Tours, White House Easter Egg Roll, or Presidential Inaugurations.

Mr. Shafran was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and was a graduate of Pennsylvania State University.

Mr. Shafran, was also known as "Jogging Joe" due to his involvement in fitness. He was an exercise columnist for *The Capital*, a member of the Maryland Governor's Council for Physical Fitness, radio commentator for "Let's Shape Up" on WBIS, sold exercise equipment at Sears, and volunteered his time promoting physical fitness in Annapolis and throughout Anne Arundel County. Joe also promoted fitness through his website, "Let's Shape Up!"

Mr. Shafran is survived by his wife,



2007 Photo of Volunteer Joe Shafran (NPS Photo by D. Spiewak)

Jerri, and daughters Janie Frost of Philadelphia, PA and Nancy Efrus of Vienna, VA. He has four grandchildren.

His wife, Jerri, related how much pride and joy Joe took in being associated with the National Park Service at President's Park serving alongside its outstanding staff and corps of volunteers.

A funeral was held at 10 a.m. Sunday, September 14 at Hardesty Funeral Home, located at 12 Ridgely Avenue in Annapolis, MD.

President's Park is saddened by the loss of someone who did so much to serve the mission of the National Park Service. A memorial

run is currently being planned for "Jogging Joe" in the coming weeks in Annapolis, MD.

In lieu of flowers, his family asked donations be made to the West Annapolis Volunteer Fire Company in memory of Joe Shafran

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